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ST. JOSEPH'S ASSOCIATION,

ESTABLISHED IN THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH,
WEST DE PERE, WIS.

AFFILIATED TO THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, IN ROME.

The object of the Association is:

1st. To honor St. Joseph.

2d. To promote and to propagate this devotion.

3d. To obtain his help and assistance during life and at the hour of death.

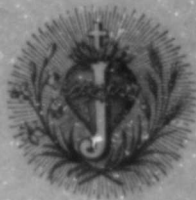
Conditions to its members are:

1st. To have his name and surname entered in the register of the Association.

2d. To say every day the following ejaculation: *St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.* (100 days indulg.)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Holy Mass is celebrated at the Altar of St. Joseph for the associates to obtain the success of their recommendations. Before Mass the intentions addressed to the Director are read, and special prayers are said in honor of St. Joseph. Many favors have already been obtained by this practice.



The Holy League of Children

Under the Patronage of St. Joseph.

1. The names of children, to be placed under the protection of St. Joseph, are written on a special book, which remains at the feet of the statue.

2. The consecration is not limited to the hour of the Patronage, but can be done at any time, in sending the names.

3. No special ceremony is necessary, but teachers or parents who desire to procure a favorable impression to the young ones, can do something in the family circle or in the school.

4. The consecration is not special to pupils of the school, but it is offered also to the infants after baptism, and it will be a security to the anxious and good mothers.

5. A certificate will be sent to those who can read.

6. There is no obligation whatever. But children will do well if they say the *Hail Joseph*, etc.—It will remind them of the good devotion, which will be their safeguard.

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For 30 days.

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For one year.

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FRIEND OF THE SACRED HEART.

A MONTHLY CATHOLIC JOURNAL

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IN THE

INTEREST OF THE DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH.

WITH THE APPROBATION OF THE

RT. REV. F. X. KATZ, M. BISHOP OF GREEN BAY.



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According to the injunction of Pope Urban VIII. we protest that what is contained in the ANNALS rests solely on private authority, and in making use of such words as divine, adorable, ineffable, holy, miraculous we never intend to speak but of a participation purely merited, so that we do in no wise wish to forego the judgment of the Church. We do also declare that we intend to write nothing but what may be entirely conformable to the mystic meaning of the Holy Church, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman, to the infallible judgment of which we submit, without reserve and forever, our persons, our words, and our writings.

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THE ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH are coming in season, to foster, to propagate, to explain the beautiful Devotion of the Holy and glorious Patron of the Catholic Church.

They will condense all that has been said in the past and all that will be said in the future of St. Joseph. Then each number will be divided in three parts: 1. Theology of the Devotion. 2. The history of the Devotion. 3. The practice of the Devotion, which we intend to promote by the Association.

Not relying upon ourselves but upon the assistance of St. Joseph, the devotedness of the Faithful, the help of all those who desire to glorify Him, we earnestly beg that this paper should not be forgotten among other papers, but that all those who will receive it, become solicitors and try to have other subscribers.

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St. Joseph's Association.
Annals of St. Joseph.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Everywhere
Loved.

West DePere, March 19, 1890.

No.

Twenty years have passed away since the sacrilegious invasion of Rome by Piedmontese; the Church has been grievously oppressed by them. In the meantime continual and fervent prayers have been addressed to Heaven, and yet it seems that help and assistance are delayed.

I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, from whence help shall come to me. Ps.

However, in such distress, there is a sign which cannot escape our attention: the extraordinary development of the devotion to St. Joseph.

Pius IX was already a prisoner. Another Herod was devising wicked means against the Vicar of Christ, when a solemn voice is heard the world over: *Go to Joseph! The Church has always invoked him in her troubles and sufferings. He is the man full of the Spirit of God.* Let it be in readiness to protect and defend the Church against her persecutors.

The devotion to St. Joseph has wonderfully increased. The Church has gloriously resisted the conjuration of her enemies, and the hope that she will be saved by St. Joseph is gaining ground, especially since her Supreme Chief, Leo XIII, has addressed to the faithful a solemn summons

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to turn in our trouble to the Blessed Joseph and to invoke him, as a mighty Deliverer, in the fight we must wage against the powers of darkness.

This is the first time that the Head of the Church, with his supreme authority, directs the people to St. Joseph, and, no doubt, it was done by divine inspiration.

The Church, encompassed by implacable foes, is confided to the defense and protection of Joseph to whom was trusted once the Divine Family.

What remains to be done? To make haste and to come to Joseph with all speed. (Gen. 45-19).

For Joseph is our helper and protector! In his holy name we have trusted! (Ps. 27). God has exalted him to save many people. In whatever tribulation we shall cry to him, he will hear us.

Jacob did not come alone to Joseph, but he went with his children, his kindred, sheep and household, and was given the best land of Egypt.

Such is our duty. Not contented to offer private honors to St. Joseph, we must bring to him our kindred, friends and neighbors, all those who need his powerful protection.

To favor a general movement to St. Joseph, Divine providence has prepared in advance the Association of St. Joseph. Its object is to unite in a body all those who desire to honor St. Joseph, to be placed under his protection and to contribute to the propagation of his devotion in America.

THE HOLY LEAGUE

Is a special branch of the Association for children, who like to be placed under the care and protection of the foster Father of Jesus.

Holy Mass is said every Wednesday for the Associates to recommend their intentions and to thank our holy Patron for favors granted.

A MONTHLY MAGAZINE: THE ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH is published at the center of the Association (West DePere, Wis.,) to explain the devotion, to furnish the readers with news concerning the Association, to take all necessary steps for the extension of the devotion.

During this month of March, consecrated to St. Joseph, while thinking of the practical means we should employ to advance the good cause, we

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have decided to address our appeal to all those who are interested in any way in the propagation of the devotion to St. Joseph, viz:

1. Members of Communities placed under the name and protection of St. Joseph.
2. Pastors of Churches dedicated to St. Joseph.
3. Teachers and pupils of Colleges, Academies and Schools, confided to his Patronage.
4. All those who, at their baptism, have received the name of Joseph.

Would they refuse to join in a body to glorify the great, holy Spouse of Mary, who has been so much honored by our Lord Himself, the Patron of the Church, the privileged superintendent of the treasures of God, the hope of all those who need protection now and at the hour of death?

It may be objected. The proposition is good. But would it not be better if the leading movement was started from a large and well known city and conducted by a more powerful instrument?

To which we desire to answer: It is not by human council but by a disposition of Holy Providence that the Association of St. Joseph has been established at West DePere. And since, the protection of our Holy Patron has been manifested in such evidence as to think that the location is St. Joseph's own choice.

The union of all those who desire to glorify St. Joseph is proposed not for a local interest but for the profit of all. The part, which we claim, is to be the servant of all, in the interest of the devotion to St. Joseph.

Practically we beg to suggest: 1. The inscription in the register of the Association of the Communities, Parishes, and Societies, which bear the name of St. Joseph.

2. To enter in the Holy League the pupils of Colleges, Academies and Schools, and to consecrate them to St. Joseph. There is a special register to receive the names. The same privilege should be given to the youngsters living at home.

3. To communicate to the center of the Association news, events, which will contribute to the honor of St. Joseph and advance his devotion.

4. To take some interest in the ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, to procure them subscribers, because they are the medium through which St. Joseph's devotion will be explained and propagated. There will be no possibility

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of Association if members are not regularly in communication with one another. Such result will be obtained by no other means but by the monthly ANNALS.

5. When it is possible the Associates will hear Mass on each Wednesday, praying for the intentions sent to the shrine of St. Joseph, and especially for the glorification of St. Joseph and the triumph of the Church over its persecutors.

6. It is especially recommended to receive Holy Communion at the above intentions on the Feasts of St. Joseph, viz: The Espousals (Jan. 23), St. Joseph's Feast (March 19), the Patronage (3d Sunday after Easter), on the Wednesday before Christmas.

Deceased members of the Association must be often remembered. On application before the 15th of each month obituaries are recorded in the ANNALS.

Humbly begging, in the name of St. Joseph, your consideration and valuable assistance for the above work, I am very respectfully,

Your humble servant in the S. H.,

J. F. Durin, M. S. H.

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The ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH, approved and recommended by the Rt. Rev. F. X. Katzer, Bishop of Green Bay, Cardinals Simeoni and Gibbons, Most Rev. H. Elder, Bishop of Cincinnati, and several other Bishops.

FECIT ME QUASI PATREM REGIS ET DOMINUM UNIVERSÆ DOMUS EJUS
EXALTAVIT ME, UT SALVOS FACERET MULTOS POPULOS.

He has made me as it were a father to the King and Lord of His whole house. He has exalted me to save many people.

BREVIARIUM, OFFICE OF THE PATRONAGE.

ITE AD JOSEPH.

Long ages since, in Egypt's dusky land
When Death and Famine gaunt, walked hand in hand
And cries for bread from famished crowds arose
Even to the monarch's throne;—to heal their woes
Great Pharaoh graciously his mandate gave:—
"To Joseph go, for he alone can save
From dread despair, destruction and the grave."

The centuries have come and gone since then,
And Death and Famine walk the earth again;—
The Death of sin,—the Famine of the heart,
That craves for food, this world cannot impart.
And to a Heavenly King goes up our cry
"Oh! give 'the bread of strength,' or we must die!"
Again those saving words of hope we hear:—
"To Joseph go, for he can calm your fear,
Can ope the treasury of Heaven's store,
And grace life-giving, on your souls out-pour
Can still the strife of Passion and of Sin
And help the spirit gloriously to win."
Saint Joseph! blessed be that holy name
Which Jesus' gentle accents loved to frame,
Which Mary held the dearest name of all.
Save that of Jesus;—on that name we call,
Oh! let it be the token of our power
To wrest from Heaven at every needy hour
The gifts and graces that will lead the way
Through Time's dark night to everlasting day.

—St. A. L.

ASSOCIATION OF ST. JOSEPH.

ITS BENEFITS AND ADVANTAGES.



MONTH of March, or rather the month of St. Joseph, with its beautiful and consoling devotions, has passed away. Would that we continue to contemplate the glorious privileges, the wonderful graces which have been accumulated upon our holy Patron so that we never depart from his remembrance, and that we turn always to him when we are in need of the assistance of heaven.

Honors and prayers offered to St. Joseph each day during the whole month bring to the Church blessings beyond calculation. They are a treasure which will pay many debts for sinners, restore health to sufferers, turn aside impending dangers, increase sanctity of pious souls, console the divine Heart of Jesus, glorify the Blessed Virgin Mary, relieve the poor souls in purgatory and rejoice Heaven.

The laborer returning at sunset from his daily toil does not expect an immediate harvest. The busy merchant bears with patience fatigues and troubles before reaching the object assured to his energy and perseverance.

So we may rest assured that our devotion to St. Joseph is not vain and fruitless, but that it will bring blessings even to abundance.

Are we not encouraged by the Church herself to rely firmly on the protection of St. Joseph when she addresses her powerful Patron with this extraordinary praise: *Thou art the sure hope of life and the pillar of the world.*

But our devotion to St. Joseph should not be limited to private and individual efforts. The chief way of forwarding its benefits is ASSOCIATION.

By joining an Archconfraternity, of which the object is to propagate the devotion to St. Joseph, to promote its interests, we obtain such advantages as to decide everybody to enter in such holy compact.

1. The establishment of the Association by the Church in a determined place constitutes a center where the devotion is permanently and continually exercised. Such is the case at the church of St. Joseph at West DePere, where, as a recognition of the granted privilege, we are in duty bound to offer daily homages to our Holy Patron, to multiply pious exercises, Masses, Novenas, to burn lamps and candles in his honor, to celebrate his feasts with greater solemnity.

2. Names of the clients of St. Joseph who belong to the Association are registered in a special book which is deposited at the feet of the statue of St. Joseph. This holy practice constitutes a silent but perpetual homage of all those who are devoted to his cause.

3. The regular meeting of each Wednesday, the reading of the intentions, followed by the recitation of fervent prayers and concluded by the celebration of the Holy Mass in honor of St. Joseph is a privilege of unquestionable value. Sometimes those who love St. Joseph, or those who are in need of his assistance are not always at liberty to satisfy their devotion. How happy they must be knowing that they are remembered at St. Joseph's shrine, that prayers are offered for them, and they will share always the benefit of the prayers offered through the hands of such a powerful Patron as St. Joseph is.

4. To accomplish the object of the Association a monthly paper under the title of ANNALS OF ST. JOSEPH is circulated among its members, bringing them all materials which may increase the devotion, procure honors to St. Joseph, explain his privileges and manifest the wonders of his intercession.

Without the periodical messenger of St. Joseph what good would be the Association for those who reside at a distance? A soon forgotten thing. But by such means the Associates being closely united to the center, take a lively interest in the prosperity of the good work.

For further demonstration we refer the reader to

OUR MONTHLY CHRONICLE.

The month of St. Joseph was opened with an act of gratitude to our Holy Patron. A box was brought by express from Cincinnati to DePere. The pupils of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, willing to acknowledge their preservation from "Influenza" by their Holy Protector St. Joseph, sent to his shrine a beautiful white Chasuble, with this mention:

SMALL OFFERING TO ST. JOSEPH.
from the pupil of the Sacred Heart—Clifton—
Cincinnati, Ohio.

A very appropriate donation, for the vestry of St. Joseph's Church is furnished only with poor and worn out vestments. The foster father of Jesus who had the charge to clothe the Divine Infant during his earthly life is also gratified by the generosity of all those who clothe Jesus represented by the priests.

The devotions to St. Joseph commenced with the month of March were performed every morning before Mass. The Novena preparatory to the Feast increased the fervor of the Associates. Every morning special prayers were addressed to St. Joseph for the success of the recommendations sent to his shrine. Our special intention was yet: the glorification of St. Joseph in America and the extension of his devotion.

This year seems to be St. Joseph's year. It has commenced on Wednesday and will finish on Wednesday. Who has not remarked also that his Feast was celebrated on Wednesday.

The long expected day has arrived, the Feast of St. Joseph, which brings hope and joy to the Universal Church.

Far distant Associates have already expressed their desire to be recommended to St. Joseph. "*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*" Ps. 132.

The world over there is but one feeling—an ardent desire to glorify the privileged saint—"to whom God has trusted His own Son Jesus" and to implore his protection.

We were not permitted to display extraordinary decorations in an unfinished Church. However the attractive statue was placed under an ornamented arch surrounded with flowers, lamps and candles intermixed. Early in the morning many communions were offered to St. Joseph. High Mass was celebrated as in the most solemn feasts. In the afternoon Vespers were followed by special prayers for the intentions recommended, the consecration to St. Joseph and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

From several reports we are informed that the feast was celebrated with great solemnity.

The rector at Cooperstown, Wis., writes: "To-day, Feast of St. Joseph, we had solemn high Mass, Benediction and sermon. The Young Ladies Sodality went to Holy Communion wearing their medals. The donation of the Sodality on this day is five dollars for St. Joseph's Association."

At Oconto, St. Peter's Church, the feast was celebrated with unequalled solemnity. "We tried to surpass you," writes the rector, "but St. Joseph cannot be honored too much."

But let us travel through the country. We arrive at a far distant asylum where St. Joseph seems to be at home. That's the conclusion which appears from the following letter:

N. R., March 17, 1890.

DEAR FATHER:—As the feast of our Holy Father, St. Joseph, is so near at hand, we must now be in haste, in order

not to let the fine opportunity pass at which to show our gratitude and devotedness to St. Joseph. We have indeed received many graces from our dear St. Joseph, especially during the few last years, which has encouraged us the more to entertain and propagate the devotion of St. Joseph. We have made it also our duty to implant in the hearts of our poor little orphans a true and constant devotion to this our great Father. Our little ones always show themselves very docile in this point. In most of our troubles or serious affairs we let our little ones make a Novena to St. Joseph, and it seems that this great friend of children can never resist their innocent and childish petitions; so many favors we have already received in answer to their prayers. Even among themselves the children give proofs of their love and confidence to St. Joseph. As an evidence of this, the following will be of interest to you: Two years ago this coming May we were obliged to give up two of our little orphans, which was a shock to us, as we knew the lot that awaited them; the other children also were sorry to lose their comrades, both being quite small when we got them. But we consoled them and told them to pray to St. Joseph to bring us two other orphans in their stead. Now the children were eager to have another infant in their midst as the smallest was now 4 years old. But saying nothing to any of the sisters, keeping it secretly, they made a Novena, on the eight day of which (the Feast of Mary help of Christians) quite unexpected an infant of 6 weeks was brought to us. The joy of the children cannot be described; clapping their hands and jumping about they cried: "Sister, we prayed for a baby and now see St. Joseph sent us one, even before the end of the Novena." We cannot tell you how astonished we were. The darling then received ever since bears the name of 'St. Joseph's child.'

Now, Father, the object of our writing is, to have our children enlisted in the Holy League of children, in order to have them under the special protection of St. Joseph, as the poor little orphans need a father and protector. Our children will make a Novena for you, as we know that this will please you more than anything else. You will also take part of the prayers and good works of all the Sisters. We also beg of you, dear Father, and all Associates to assist us in praying for a certain special grace concerning our community. * *

This consoling message was received just in the afternoon of March 18, when the solemnity of the Feast of St. Joseph was already opened. It was the cause of a great joy and a presage that St. Joseph is pleased with the work undertaken in his honor, with the object of assembling to his feet, young and old, rich and poor, all the children of Jesus, to place them under his guardianship.

It would be necessary to join a supplement to this issue to relate the favors granted to many Associates during the last month. Let us be united in offering our thanks to St. Joseph, and in imploring his help and assistance in behalf of all those who apply with confidence to his protection. We like to mention a member of the Association who, afflicted by a long sickness, is, however, certain that she will be cured by St. Joseph and has sent by anticipation her offering to the shrine.

Seeing that several members of the Association like to express their intention to St. Joseph in confidential and sealed letters, we have decided to place at the feet of the statue of St. Joseph

A LOCKED BOX

to receive all confidential petitions to St. Joseph. They must be put under sealed envelope with the inscription: ST. JOSEPH'S LETTER BOX, and addressed under a second envelope to Rev. J. F. Durin, director of the Association, who will

alone lock and unlock the box. Every six months the box will be emptied and letters burnt by the director himself.

Through this means, which has been put in practice elsewhere, many petitions addressed to St. Joseph have been granted.

The shrine of St. Joseph has been enriched with an authentic relic of St. Joseph—a little parcel of St. Joseph's cloak, sent from Rome and warranted by the seal and signature of Cardinal Parochi. Precious gift, more precious than a treasure if we consider that it is a part of a vestment which has been made by the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be presented to the holy companion of her life, that our Lord Jesus has often taken his rest, lying quietly in the arms of St. Joseph, shadowed by his cloak.

The reception of this rare relic has decided us to spare no trouble to finish the work in the sanctuary of the church, where will be located the statue of our Holy Patron and the precious relic.

By all means the work must be done the week before the

FEAST OF THE PATRONAGE,

which is celebrated the third Sunday after Easter, and we will be prepared for the solemnity by a Novena commencing on April 18 and continuing the entire week. The forty hours Devotion will be held at the same time, April 23, 24, and 25.

The Patronage is the principal feast of the Association. Being celebrated on Sunday and during Easter season it is easier for every one to express and satisfy his devotion. We then beg the good will of all Associates that they contribute in some way to the honors which are due to St. Joseph on the solemn day of his Patronage. They are bound to lead others in such devotion and to obtain that the devotion to the Holy Patron of the Church increase day by day.

The Patronage is the Feast of the Holy League. Just a year has passed since

we have made our first appeal to the children to place themselves under the protection of the foster father of Jesus. Several thousand children have accepted the invitation and we hope that parents and teachers taking advantage of the invitation addressed to them will hasten to enlist in the Holy League their children and pupils.

EN PASSANT we beg to remind that the idea of offering to St. Joseph a GOLDEN BOOK is not abandoned. We pray to St. Joseph that he deign to inflame souls with the desire to work for his glorification and our petition will be granted, our hope will be realized.

As it was announced in the last number, we propose to our benefactors who will contribute to the completion of St. Joseph's church, to inscribe their names on decorated armorials to be placed around the sanctuary—one armorial with the gift name of the donator is \$25. But smaller donations are gratefully received, and all our benefactors are recommended to our Holy Patron St. Joseph.

Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, and pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall they give into your bosom. (St. Luke VI, 38.)

KEEP THIS RULE OF LIFE.



the morning when you waken make the sign of the Cross and say: "Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul."

II. Morning prayers—When you are dressed kneel down and say the

Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostle's Creed. (If you are in a hurry say at least *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary* on your road or at your work, or making the fire, or getting breakfast ready, etc.) Then make

A MEDITATION.

1. The morning offering—Think of that you will have to do all the day and how you will do each action well. Prayers, meals, (school duties), employments, places you will go to, to persons you will speak to, duties to parents or children, then say *"O my God, to thee I offer all that I shall do this day, with what Jesus did, to please thee."*

2. Preparation against temptation—Forewarned; forearmed! Think what temptation you are likely to meet with to-day, and how you will avoid it, then say *"O my God, keep me this day from all sins."*

3. Before and after meals—Make the sign of the Cross and say Grace.

4. NIGHT PRAYERS—1. Say *Our Father, Hail Mary and Apostle's Creed.* 2. Examine your conscience. Say: Did I miss my prayers or commit any sin to-day? Think for a moment what sin, then say *"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."* When to bed put your arms in the form of a Cross and say, *"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul."* If you waken in the night pray.

5. DAILY VIRTUES. GOOD INTENTION—If you pray, eat, sleep, dress yourself, talk, sing, walk, sit down, take a message, light a candle, (go to school), read, write, sew, work, in every action little or great, say at the beginning or middle or end of it, *"My Jesus, I do all for You."* 2. If anything happens to you which you do not like, say *"O my God, Thy will be done."* 3. Be kind to everybody. 4. Forgive those who offend you and speak kindly to them. 5. Parents, watch over and give good example to your children. 6. Children, love, respect and obey your parents and masters in all that is not sin.

6. GOOD PRACTICES—Often say to yourself, *"God sees me!"* Every day hear Mass. Visit the Blessed Sacrament and some image or picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Say the rosary or at least one decade. Read some good book. Say the Angelus morning, noon and night. Be in some pious confraternity. Make a retreat every year. Read this rule of life

every Sunday. Pray daily for perseverance.

7. TEMPTATIONS—1. If a temptation comes turn away from it and say, *"Jesus and Mary help me,"* or say the Hail Mary till it goes away. 2. Put a bad thought out of your heart quickly as you would shake a burning spark off your hand. 3. Keep your eyes, ears, tongue and hands from what is bad. 4. Keep away from bad company, public houses, whisky shops, bad dancing and singing houses, gambling houses, theatres, bad wakes, do not read bad journals or bad books.

8. SINS COMMITTED—*He that loveth sin hateth his soul.* Ps. X. 1. If you commit a mortal sin make an act of contrition directly, and go to confession as soon as you can. 2. For a venial sin be sorry and strike your breast. Try to do it no more.

9. THE SACRAMENTS—Go to confession and Holy Communion at Easter, and at least once every month. Do not wilfully conceal a sin in confession. If you are frightened to tell a sin, say, *"Please Father, help me."*

10. DEATH—1. Settle your worldly affairs. 2. Get ready for confession, Viaticum, Extreme Unction. 3. When you are dying be sure to make an act of contrition, say *"O my God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against thee, because thou art so good, and I will not sin again."* A good act of contrition will save your soul, if there is no priest to hear your confession when dying. 4. Be willing to die because it is God's will. Say *"O my God, thy will be done."* 5. Live every day as if you were to die that day.

LEARN THE GREAT TRUTHS.

1. There is one God.
2. In God there are three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
3. God the Son, the second Person, was made man and died to save us.
4. God rewards the good in heaven and punishes the wicked in hell—forever.
5. "Penance" forgives the sins we commit after Baptism. "Holy Eucharist" is the body and blood of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine.

WITH JESUS AND MARY DURING
THE HOLY WEEK.PRAYER TO THE SORROWFUL HEART OF
MATER DOLOROSA.

FIRST DOLOR.

Sweet Mother! how thy Heart was wrung,
When holy Simeon drew,
The future of thine only Son,
Before thy tortured view.
Oh! anguish born of love divine,
May all thy sighs, and tears be mine.

SECOND DOLOR.

Sweet Mother! how thy Heart was torn,
When Angel's swift command,
Bade thee and helpless Infant One,
Quick flight to Egypt's land.
Oh! anguish, etc.

THIRD DOLOR.

Sweet Mother! how thy Heart was grieved,
How bitter was its pain,
At loss of Him, thine own, for whom
Thou searchedst long in vain.
Oh! anguish, etc.

FOURTH DOLOR.

Sweet Mother! how thy Heart was racked,
When on the dreary road,
Bearing His Cross, thou did'st behold,
Thy Jesus and thy God.
Oh! anguish, etc.

FIFTH DOLOR.

Sweet Mother! how thy Heart did bleed,
Convulsive was each sigh,
When thou did'st see on Calvary's Mount,
Thy Crucified One, die.
Oh! anguish, etc.

SIXTH DOLOR.

Sweet Mother! how thy Heart was pierced
When His was, wounded through
The Lance that tore the Sacred Side,
Opened, thy grief anew.
Oh! anguish, etc.

SEVENTH DOLOR.

Sweet Mother!—all is over now,
The grave hath closed upon
Thy bitter griefs, thy broken Heart,
And Him, thine only One.
Oh! anguish, etc.

PRAYER TO THE FIVE WOUNDS.

Oh! Sacred Feet, all gashed and torn,
Bruised by the hammer's cruel blows,
Bathed in the life-blood dripping down
From anguished Heart, in bitter throes;
I press you to my lips and tears,
With contrite sorrow, fervent sigh,
Dear precious Wounds, God's bleeding prayers,
Ah! plead for me, when death draws nigh.

Oh! mangled Hands transfixed and wan,
In suppliance raised to Heaven above,
Pierced by the nails that torture wrung
From breaking Heart of burning love;
I press you to my lips in tears,
With contrite sorrow, fervent sigh,
Dear precious Wounds, God's bleeding prayers,
Ah! plead for me, when death draws nigh.

Ah! Sacred refuge, tender Side
Rent by the Lance, with cruel thrust,
There, where His Heart is, let me hide,
There, where His love is, let me trust;
I press thee to my lips in tears,
With contrite sorrow, fervent sigh,
Most holy Wound, allay my fears,
Receive my soul when death draws nigh.

AFFECTIONS AT THE FEET OF JESUS
CHRIST.

Yes my Soul, for thee He died!
For thee—thy God was crucified!
Shall not His WOUNDS, His SIGHS, His TEARS,
Assuage thy sorrows—calm thy fears?
Wilt thou in anguish, grief, or pain,
Once look on JESUS and complain?
Shall not His sufferings and His LOVE
From thy poor heart each pang remove?
Oh! can the soul for whom He died
Consent to live UNSCRUPLED?
NO, LORD, to Thy loved cross I'll fly,
There—nailed with THEE—I'll live I'll die.

WHITHER MUST WE GO?

A STORY.

BY REV. A. SELBACH.

CHAP. V.

FROM JACOB'S WELL TO JERUSALEM.



WHEN drawing near the village Bethel the holy carpenter commenced again to entertain himself and Mary with the past:

"At Haran in Chaldaea lived a holy man. His neighbors' wickedness and bad examples had failed to make him lose his faith and love of God. Abram was his name. Jehovah took him from among the rest to be the father of His chosen people. He spoke to him: 'Go forth out of thy country, from thy kindred; out of thy father's house and come into the land which I will show thee. I will make of thee a nation; I will bless thee, and will magnify thy name. Thou shalt be blessed and in thee all the kindred of the earth.' Though 70 years of age, obedient to the orders, Abram left Chalen, with Sarai, his wife, and Lot, his nephew. On this spot he halted, and here built a tent."

"This, then, also, is the place," rejoined the Virgin, "where Abram's grandson, Jacob, rested on the stone and saw the ladder?"

"This is the place."

Jacob, as Jehovah had revealed unto Rebecca, had found—instead of Esau the first-born,—favor in the eyes of God. One day, when cooking for himself a mess of pottage, he noticed Esau coming home all tired and faint with hunger:

"Give me of this pottage," says the

first-born to his brother, "I am hungry."

"If you give me in return your first birth right, behold, I'm willing," thus the answer.

And lightly now the other: "What will this right avail me, if I die of hunger! Behold, by solemn oath I cede it unto you!" Jacob thus obtained the first birth right.

"The elder cedes it to the younger," thoughtfully, as to herself, remarks the Virgin; raising skyward then her eyes as though she read the future, she adds: "Who knows? May be a figure, that Jehovah from our faithless people turn away and choose another."

Joseph looks into his cousin's face: Are these prophetic words? wondering by himself what may the import be of Mary's exclamation—he dares not ask.

Silence for a while. Mary then continues: "Isaac is old, he lost his eyesight. Calling Esau to his bed he bids him take his arms, his quiver and his bow, and hunting bring him game, to make for him a savory meat as Esau knows, old Isaac likes to eat. Then he will bestow his blessing on his most beloved son."

It is God's will that Jacob and not Esau have this blessing. Rebecca hears the conversation, kills a kid, prepares a savory dish, disguises Jacob, and thus for him obtains his father's promise that he shall be the father of the promised great and God-loved people.

Esau soon returns and learns what has been done. Angry with his brother he seeks to kill him. Jacob flees. Tired at night and lying down upon the ground he takes a stone to serve as a pillow. In his sleep he sees before himself a ladder standing on the earth, whose top is touching heaven. God's angels are ascending and descending by it. And upon the ladder leans Jehovah:

"I am Abraham's, thy father's Lord and God, the God of Isaac." Jacob hears a voice, "the land wherein thou sleepest I give to thee and to thy seed,

which numerous shall be as the dust is of the earth. In thee and in thy children shall be blessed the tribes of all the earth." Heaven thus confirms the given blessing.

Jacob, upon waking, consecrates the stone on which he rested and calls the place "Bethel, house of God."

"Later Samuel erected here the Ark of covenant and judged the people," Joseph said.

Lost in thoughts his cousin did not hear him but continued her reflections.

"House of God it was, it turned to be a 'dwelling of abomination.' Bethaven it is called by prophet Oseah."

Joseph once again is wondering at his fair companion. She seems no more the simple woman she was wont to be. Lost in deep reflections and absorbed in mystic contemplation, she seems not conscious of the wise remarks she makes. Yet, so Joseph thinks, no Rabbi in the synagogue spoke ever better.

"Jeroboam, Solomon's former servant assumes unto himself ten tribes and is proclaimed king over Israel, leaving Benjamin and Juda to King Roboam. Jeroboam is wicked; abandoning his God he tries his utmost to seduce the people; he erects a golden idol both at Dan and here at Bethel on the frontiers of his kingdom. Bethel? no. Bethaven is its name."

The travelers hasten on, anxious as it were to leave the place. With greater confidence and less precaution they proceed, for this country is not so invaded by the robbers as the one they just have left. At Beeroth they have friends who gladly offer hospitality.

Joseph and Mary know not that twelve years from hence they here will meet at night—and miss their son, who sits meanwhile among the doctors in the temple. Many cares are spared us by the veil which covers days to come.

On leaving Beeroth early in the morning they pass by Ramah, where Deborah,

sitting under a majestic palm tree used to judge the people; passing further by the tomb of Samuel they soon ascend the Sajaah. From its summit they behold the holy city. In its full magnificence they see the temple and they greet it with their fervent aspirations. A silent prayer they send up to Jehovah.

"Five hundred years ago," after this says Joseph, "our fathers, scarcely home from Baylon, and having built yon temple laboring under obstacles as hardly any greater, saw the structure in its grandeur and its stateliness, and yet, comparing it to Solomon's, they wept; it seemed so much inferior! Aggeus for a consolation then foretold that 'He, the Wishd-for of the Nations' by His entering the new, should elevate it far above the former temple. And Herod now, though a cruel tyrant, has rebuilt and ornamented it in such a way that the temple of King Solomon hardly may have been superior. See, O Mary! does the world contain in all its treasures yet another temple like to ours?"

She answers: "May the 'Wishd-for of all Nations' enter soon and bring unto His people saving help and light!"

(To be Continued).

ST. JOSEPH'S LILY.

A MYSTIC FLOWER.

O lily, filled with lessons sweet

What precious love thy parts contain,—

What heavenly teaching each replete

For all who list glad treasures gain.

Thy upright stalk on high ascends

As 'twere by sudden, uncheck'd bound.

A type of how each act should wend—

To God's own glory all redound.

Each green expanse, so wide outspread

Bespeaks fruitions glorious hope

That triumphs o'er each evil dread

With satan's wiles victorious cope.

The bloom itself fair emblem bright

Of God's own pure, unsullied state,

A ray of which makes glad the night

That casts its shade o'er mortal's fate.

Its true centre speaks of Thee,

Great mystic proof of boundless love,

The Three in One and one in Three;

That fills with joy the Bless'd above
And casts o'er earth the triple tie
That knits together soul to soul,—
Faith's beacon bright, Love's crimson dye
And Hope's glad star, the pilgrim's goal.
Its petals six, the virtues show
Of him we honor, love, revere—
The model bright of souls below—
God's chosen one, blest Naz'reth's seer:
The first in glowing accents tells
A treasure rare of lowly birth
That there in truth supremely dwells
And stamps each act with priceless worth.

The next, Queen, is near akin
In simple, guileless vesture clad
That knoweth not of scheme or sin
Whose presence maketh all else glad.
The third is deemed of virtues, queen,
Sweet charity, so patient, kind,—
Discerneth not 'twixt want or sheen
But vieweth God in all mankind.

The fourth soars high 'bove transient things
Is bound by naught that stays its flight,
Ascending e'er on fleetest wings
Speeds swift its path to realms of light.
The fifth bespeaks a virtue sweet

That seeks to bloom unseen, unknown,
E'er makes its home in calm retreat
Aloof from men,—with God alone.
The sixth knoweth not to will or do
Unless it be with God's accord,—
In all to Him, its one love, true,
Amis but to please,—disdains reward.
The stamens by their presence bright,
Like golden circlets ranging round,
Enhance the blossom's peerless white
And make of it a "kingly crowned."

The golden duet retains its place
If naught the floret fair disturb,
Nor on each petal's snow-white face
Can we the least of taint observe.
Six emblems these of surest worth
As safe preserves from aught of ill
To purity of heavenly birth,—
The chaste of heart, of thought, of will.

The first of penance dire tells,
The next denial hard of will,
The third apart from pleasure dwells,
The fourth "the wily member" stills,
The fifth opens wide you blue expanse
By fervent, persevering prayer,—
The sixth the worth of all enhance
By watchful, unremitting care.



True Image of the Holy Face of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Religiously venerated and kept in Rome, in the
Basilica of Saint Peter, in the Vatican.

ECHOES OF THE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE.



last month of 1889 was especially blessed by God. The work has made perceptible progress, and the devotion has been inaugurated in a considerable number of localities.

Paris.—The parochial church of Saint Marcel of the White House has just increased the number, already large, of the churches and chapels of the capital, in which the Sacred Image is exposed and surrounded with honors. The pastor himself has, with much jubilation, communicated to us this good news.

Larmor, Baden.—The "Semaine Religieuse," of Vannes, informs us how the cultus to the Holy Face was established in that parish, whose excellent population, composed almost exclusively of brave sailors will know how to appreciate and to practice it. It was during a Mission preached by the Rev. Capuchin Fathers of the Lorient Convent.

To the zeal of the Rev. Fathers Michel and Arnel the pious enthusiasm of the parishioners was a response. Every day, at all the instructions, a large attendance crowded the beautiful church, often inadequate to hold the people. If the success of the Mission surpassed all that could have been anticipated, it was because the missionaries made the people

pray. Every day the rosary was meditated upon and said by the whole population; the chanting of the *Parce* rose every instant toward God; the Stations of the Way of the Cross recalled each week the sufferings of the Saviour.

And the Image of the Holy Face, placed upon the altar, was a book open for meditation.

A fine picture of the Holy Face, the gift of a private individual, remains in remembrance of this splendid Mission.

St. Martin—Voulangis, diocese of Reims.—It was remarked that the Image of the Holy Face had scarcely been set up in the church when an epidemic of croup which prevailed in the country and claimed many victims, diminished, then ceased completely. This is an encouragement for the faithful.

Vienne, diocese of Grenoble, France.—In the parish of St. Maurice, where the confraternity is established, there was born the 17th of May last, a little girl who was very feeble and had one of her legs without life and shape; the flesh seemed to have become shriveled. The sorrow-stricken parents learn that the oil of the Holy Face performed miracles; they had faith, made unctions on the shapeless limb, and the child is cured, to the great astonishment of those who had seen her, and who thought her crippled for life. In their gratitude her parents kept a burning lamp before the Holy Face for nine days, and a Mass of thanksgiving has been said in the chapel consecrated to It. The little child was brought to the chapel.

The mother of the child has promised to let no day pass without saying a decade of the rosary. The father, on the other hand, has given his word that he would not blaspheme while driving his horses. Moreover, to perpetuate their gratitude, the parents are going to put up a marble ex voto near the Sacred Image.

Mulhouse, diocese of Strasburg.—A single look of Jesus was sufficient to gain Him apostles, so attractive and irresistible was His Face. Something similar happened to a young man of this place. His parents, who have the greatest confidence in the practices of our dear devotion, have seen their hopes and

prayers realized; he has told them that he has made up his mind to be a priest and entirely consecrated to God's service. Their gratitude is great, for they understand the happiness that must accrue to a Christian family which furnishes a priest to God and the Church. Alas, the families who entertain these sentiments are too few in number at this day.

Boulogne-sur-Mer, diocese of Arras.—A Brother of the Christian Schools desires to propagate around him the devotion to the Holy Face, and has subscribed to the *ANNALS* to thank God for having brought him back from the gates of the tomb where he had almost arrived, for he had been given up by nearly everybody.

Inzlingen, Grand Duchy of Baden.—A lady seventy-seven years of age had a fall and broke one of her legs. The doctor stated that, in view of her advanced age, the lady could not recover. The daughter of the poor cripple did not lose courage. She sent to Tours for some holy oil, and as soon as she received it she anointed her good mother with it. From the very first unction the very painful sufferings which she had had up to that time, sensibly diminished. Then, without the use of any other remedy her cure was completed in a few days.

Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey.—A noble Zealot thus writes to us:
"Glory, love and gratitude to the Holy Face of our Lord!"

In the month of Jan. 1888, my father who is a nonagenarian became very ill; in a few days pneumonia set in, his life was endangered, and his days seemed to be numbered. I had at once recourse to the Holy Face of our Lord, and I began to make, with the oil which had come from Tours, unctions on the chest of the sick man. Three days afterwards the sick man entered upon a full convalescence, to the great consternation of the medical men. He now enjoys a new lease on life, and despite the weight of years, my father never felt so well. I had neglected to impart to you this favor which has been granted; to-day I come to repair this neglect and beg you to insert the favor in the *ANNALS* in order that the Holy Face may ever show itself merciful towards me and the persons in whom I have an interest."

VENERABLE JULIE BILLIART,

FOUNDRESS OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE
SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME OF NAMUR.

Ah, que le bon Dieu est bon!

"How good the good God is!"



THIS was the cry which went up continually from the heart of the Foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame, and her loving refrain is echoed by hundreds of her children to-day,* for the first great step towards her glorification has been taken, and the long looked for "Placet" of Pope Leo XIII., has at last crowned with the title of Venerable that "admirable laborer in the Lord's Harvest" (as she is termed in the Roman decree), the Servant of God, Julie Billiart.

Marie Rose Julie Billiart was born at Cuvilly, in the old province of Picardy, on the 12th of July, 1751, and was baptised the same day. Her parents were in modest yet easy circumstances, and were distinguished for their fidelity in the practice of every religious duty. The childhood of Julie was remarkable as shadowing forth her future destiny and the prominent features of her character—love of prayer and zeal for souls. She was often missed from the family circle, and when sought for was found in some hidden nook saying her childish prayers, with a gravity and devotion far beyond her years. By the time that she had reached the age of seven, she knew her Catechism perfectly, and had mastered not only the words but the meaning. After school hours it was her custom to gather her little companions round her, and if any were absent, she would send for them, crying out—"I want plenty of

little souls, to teach them how to love and serve 'the good God.'" Then, with her bright and winning manner, she kept them attentive while she explained the Catechism, and wound up with an exhortation on the love of God or the hatefulness of sin, so earnest, we are told, as to captivate all her listeners, whether old or young. These meetings came to the ears of the Curé of Cuvilly, and that venerable man watched over his child-catechist with paternal interest. He judged from her apparently infused knowledge of the truths of faith, and her singularly delicate appreciation of Divine things, that God had great designs upon her soul, and he was jealous of her correspondence with those designs. He therefore initiated her into the method of prayer and the practices of a devout life. It might have been said of Julie as of Tobias—"Though younger than any of her tribe, yet did she no childish thing."

After this it is not surprising to learn that Julie was allowed to make her first Communion when only nine years old. She doubtless received very abundant graces from this early participation in the Eucharistic Feast; and ever after, the preparation of children for their first Communion became her favorite work of zeal. Not long afterwards the pious child was confirmed by Cardinal Potier de Gesvres, Bishop of Beauvais, and thenceforth the Holy Ghost took complete possession of this pure soul, for Julie abandoned herself unreservedly to the guidance of the Divine Spirit.

As she grew older she took her share in the labors which devolved on her as a farmer's daughter. Her virtues gave her an extraordinary ascendancy over the laborers and workmen, and she made use of her influence to lead them to God. They were so charmed by the instructions she gave them during the hour of their midday rest, that they would have liked to gather round their young cate-

chist on Sundays also. But all the time she had to spare on Sundays was devoted by Julie to the saintly Carmelites of Compiègne, whom she loved as mothers, and from whom she learned the secrets of an interior life. When she was fourteen she burned with the desire of consecrating herself irrevocably to the service of her Divine Master, and M. Dancicourt, then parish priest at Cuvilly, allowed her to make a vow of perpetual chastity. She was soon called upon to show the spirit of a martyr as well as that of a virgin and an apostle, for the white lily of her virginity was to blossom amid the sharp thorns of suffering. She was to be struck down like Job; first reduced to actual poverty by the misfortunes which fell thick and fast upon her father, and then stretched on a bed of sickness by a complication of diseases. For thirty years Julie was to be a living example of the most heroic patience.

The troubles of the Billiart family began in 1767. Julie, then young and strong, devoted herself to the hardest work in the fields, in order to help her parents. She ate little, allowed herself scanty repose, endured extremes of heat and cold, and undertook many fatiguing journeys. With all this she found time for her daily communions, her meditations and vocal prayers, and her visits to the sick, by whose bedsides she often spent whole nights. Her old zeal went on consuming her. During her journeys she catechised those whom she met, carrying everywhere, as the Apostle says, the good odor of Jesus Christ. But a sudden blow was to check all this exuberant life of eager zeal and willing labor.

(To be Continued.)

A special circular has been issued to make known the good work established at West DePere in honor of St. Joseph. We will be pleased to send copies to our patrons to enable them to propagate and to extend the devotion. We beg only that they distribute them to their friends.

ST. JOSEPH'S LILY.

A little drama including all the members of a happy family circle.

CHARACTERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Roseville,	Father and Mother.
Mary and Louise,	Grown-up Daughters.
Clare and Ethel,	Younger Daughters.
Nellie,	The Favorite of the Family.
Charlie,	The Little Son.
Grandma,	Mrs. R.'s Mother.
Aunt Helen,	Mrs. R.'s Sister.
Maudé,	Aunt Helen's Daughter.
Miss Armstrong,	The Governess.
Madeleine,	Nursery Maid.
Amanda,	An Orphan.
F. De la Bonnardiere,	Professor of Music.

PART I.

The opening scene represents Mrs. Roseville assisting Nellie to dress for a matinee on Saturday afternoon. A poor little girl is announced whose mother she says is dying. Nellie gives up the thought of going to the matinee in order to accompany her mother on the sick call.

In the evening the family being assembled Nellie describes the visit of charity made in the afternoon, and obtains permission from her parents to go early the next morning to a distant Church in order to place a lily on St. Joseph's altar.

PART II.

Grandma and Charlie—in the drawing-room. From the conversation of the latter we learn that Nellie is lost and that all the other members of the family are searching for her.

The popular ballad, "Nellie Lost and Found," is sung in the distance—after which the little heroine tells us in her own sweet way of her wonderful adventures.

Nellie—I'm so glad, mamma, that the afternoon is pleasant. We shall enjoy the walk almost as much as the entertainment.

How I wish you would come too. I'm sure you'd be delighted with little Eva. Clara says she is charming.

*This was written in July, 1889.

O! mamma, do come, please say yes.

Mrs. Roseville—Oh! not this time, Nellie dear, although I'm pleased to know you will enjoy it, for judging from your last month's report you have studied diligently, and I'm glad you consider this so ample a reward for your industry and perseverance.

Louise—Are you not ready yet, Nellie? Mary and I have been waiting for you for the last half hour.

Mrs. R.—Not quite a half hour Lulu, is it dear?

Louise—Well, its fully five minutes, ma. See, here's Mary out of patience, too, I suppose.

Mary—No, not exactly. I've come to tell mamma that a little girl has just called to ask you to go to see her mother, who is dying, she says, and no doubt for want of care and nourishment.

Mrs. R.—Dying? Does the child say her mother is really dying?

Mary—Yes, ma, and that her mother told her to tell you so.

Mrs. R.—Bring the dear child to me.

Nellie—Isn't it dreadful to think that a poor creature should really die for want of food?

Mrs. R.—Hush! Spare the little girl's feelings.

(Enter Amanda). Mrs. R.—My dear child, is your mamma so very ill.

Amanda—Yes ma'am.

Mrs. R.—And has she no one to take care of her?

Amanda—No one but me, and mamma says she is dying. Oh! wont you please come soon.

Mrs. R.—Yes, my dear, I shall go immediately. Children, if it be late when I return tell papa where I have gone. Good-bye for a little while. Be very good till I get back.

Nellie—Oh! mamma, wont you please let me go with you? I want to see the poor sick woman.

Louise—O! Nellie, why do you want to see her. I'm sure there can be nothing

in her wretched home to gratify your curiosity. Besides you're so anxious to see Uncle Tom's Cabin played after all we've told you about it, now when you have a chance to go why not take it?

Nellie—It is kind of you Louise to wish me to share your pleasure this afternoon, but it really seems to me that I could not now enjoy myself as I expected, and indeed I'd much prefer to accompany mamma on her errand of duty.

Mrs. R.—Well, darling, if you are willing to forego your anticipated enjoyment at the matinee this afternoon, come at once. There's no time to be lost.

Mrs. R.—Ask Miss Armstrong to come to me, please.

(Enter governess). Mrs. R.—I have to absent myself rather unexpectedly this afternoon. I may not return before tea time. See that the children's wants are supplied. The professor comes at 3 o'clock. Remind Clara and Ethel that they may not keep the gentleman waiting.

Charlie may go to the station alone this evening to meet papa. Don't forget the little ones, you know Madeleine is rather thoughtless.

Miss Armstrong—Be not uneasy Mrs. Roseville during your absence. Every thing shall be as punctually attended to as if you were at home.

Mrs. R.—I have implicit confidence in your judgment and fidelity, but you know a mother's anxieties too well to wonder at my reminding you of your responsibilities during my absence.

Miss A.—(Calls Madeleine). (The latter enters). Can you prudently leave the nursery for a short while? I wish to see you.

Madeleine—Yes, Miss. Little Viola is asleep, George is drawing pictures on his slate and Frankie is playing with his blocks.

Miss A.—Well, Madeleine, I have been wishing for an opportunity to speak

with you and now that Mrs. Roseville has given me injunctions regarding the little ones I am again reminded of my intentions.

Just be seated a moment. You know Madeleine you are more or less indebted to me for the position you now hold in this respectable family, do you not?

Madeleine—Well, no, Miss; it is the first time I heard of your interest in me.

Miss A.—Well, know henceforth that such is the case, and that if I appear rather exacting it is because I want you to prove yourself all that I have represented you to be.

Madeleine—And, Miss, what is that if you please?

Miss A.—Nothing more nor less than that you will be exact and faithful in the discharge of the duties you have taken upon yourself.

Madeleine—Why, Miss, it was only yesterday that Miss Nellie told me her papa and mamma were well pleased with me and thought that the children never seemed so well and happy before.

Miss A.—I admit, Madeleine, that you are very obliging, cheerful and generous, but there is such a want of that refinement about you that Mrs. Roseville is so anxious to see in her children, I often wonder that she does not correct you for your hearty, I ought to say, boisterous laugh, and your giddy manner of running up and down stairs. In fact, Madeleine, there are so many ways in which from morning until night you violate the rules of etiquette I could not begin to enumerate them. Will you not try to be more careful in future?

Madeleine—I will do all I can to please you, Miss, but as far as the hearty laugh goes, I think its the last thing I can give up, while I have life. The children say and do such funny things I have to laugh if I was to die for it.

It was only yesterday that little Frankie said—(Madeleine takes one of her "kinks" as she calls them).

Miss A.—There now, you are off again. (Bell rings). That must be the professor. Go Madeleine and open the door while I notify the children.

(Enter professor—followed by Clara, Ethel and governess.

Prof.—You practice well you lesson, M'd'el'le?

Clare and Ethel—Yes, Sir!

Prof.—I am please—but my time not long to-day. I give you no goot lesson—but give you new piece, you practice for next time when I give you long lesson again.

What you last piece?

Clare—You told me to practice the bass of the duet that Ethel took last week.

Prof.—Well! I hear that now, and if you know it you get new piece.

(Clare and Ethel play their duet).

Prof.—Tres-bien! tres-bien! This piece for you and this I leave for you. I have not time to give you lesson on it, but will just play it for you so you know how it go. (Prof. plays the piece).

Prof.—You like it?

(Clare) Yes, sir, very much. It is quite pretty.

Prof.—Will you mademoiselle sing you piece once?

(Ethel sings).

(Professor bows to the young ladies, and to the governess). Give my regards to Mme. Roseville and say I make up this lesson next time. Bonsoir.

(Enter Mary and Louise).

Clare—Oh! home again? Did you enjoy the matinee?

Louise—Enjoyment is no name for it. We had a delightful time. Eva is so lovely I wish you could have heard her sing. Mary bought a copy of the music, would you like to hear it?

Ethel—O! certainly! do play and sing it for us.

(Mary plays and sings "Eva to her Papa.")

(To be Continued.)

ST. JOSEPH'S ALMANAC

ACCORDING TO THE ROMAN CALENDAR.

APRIL.

1	Tues.	Office of the Holy Week.	150	Benefactors.
2	Wed.	"	60	Communities.
3	Thurs	Anniversary of the Holy Supper.	80	Spiritual Blessings.
4	Fri.	Good Friday.		The Sinners.
5	Sat.	Blessing of the Paschal Candle.		The Souls in Purgatory.
6	Sun.	THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD.		The triumph of the Holy Catholic Church.
7	Mon.	2 of the Octave.	20	Employments.
8	Tues.	3 " "	60	Families.
9	Wed.	4 " "	85	Girls.
10	Thurs	5 " "	20	Priests and their Parishes.
11	Fri.	6 " "	20	Perseverances.
12	Sat.	7 " "	120	Religious and Nuns.
13	Sun.	LOW SUNDAY.	25	Sick Persons.
14	Mon.	St. Justinus, Martyr.	22	Superiors.
15	Tues.	S. Isidorus, Bishop, Doct.	300	Temporal Blessings.
16	Wed.	S. Benedict, Joseph Labre, Conf.	15	Vocations.
17	Thurs	S. Anicetus, Pope, M.	60	Young Men.
18	Fri.	St. Leo I, Pope, (from April 11).		Our Holy Father Leo XIII.
19	Sat.	S. Leo IX, Pope, Novena.		The propagation of the devotion
20	Sun.	2nd Sunday after Easter, "		of St. Joseph and the special
21	Mon.	St. Anselme, Doct, "		intentions of the Associates.
22	Tues.	SS. Soterus and Catus, P. P. M. N. "		" " "
23	Wed.	St. Georgius, M., Nov. and 40 hours.		" " "
24	Thurs	St. Fidelis, " " "		" " "
25	Fri.	S. Markus, Ev., " " "		" " "
26	Sat.	S. S. Cletus & Marcellinus, P. P. M. M., N.		" " "
27	Sun.	THE PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH. Solemn Feast of the Association and Holy League.		" " "
28	Mon.	St. Paul of the Cross, C.		" " "
29	Tues.	St. Peter, Martyr.	30	Undertakings.
30	Wed.	S. Catharin of Sienna, V.	15	Intemperate Persons.
			20	Employments.

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